

In the Claims: (strikethrough parts deleted and underlined parts added)

Please delete Claims 7, 11, 14-20 without prejudice.

1. (Currently Amended) An implement mounting system, comprising:
a support frame;
a ball joint attached to said support frame;
a support arm having a first end and a second end, wherein said first end is attached to said ball joint and wherein said second end receives an attachment structure for an implement; and
a brace member attached between said support frame and said support arm, wherein said brace member has an angle with respect to said support arm for reducing side-to-side movement of said support arm;
wherein said brace member is attached to a cross member, wherein said cross member is attached transversely to a central location upon said support arm.

2. (Original) The implement mounting system of Claim 1, wherein said ball joint is comprised of a ball-and-socket structure for providing various pivoting movements of said support arm.

3. (Original) The implement mounting system of Claim 1, wherein said angle between said support arm and said brace member is less than seventy-five degrees and greater than ten degrees.

4. (Original) The implement mounting system of Claim 1, wherein said angle between said support arm and said brace member is less than fifty-five degrees and greater than ten degrees.

5. (Original) The implement mounting system of Claim 1, wherein said brace member is attached to said support frame via a ball-and-socket joint.

6. (Original) The implement mounting system of Claim 5, wherein said brace member is attached to said support arm via a ball-and-socket joint.

7. (Canceled)

8. (Currently Amended) The implement mounting system of Claim ~~7~~ 1, wherein said cross member receives a pair of vertical actuators for allowing control of the lift and roll.

9. (Currently Amended) The implement mounting system of Claim ~~7~~ 1, wherein said brace member is attached near a distal end of said cross member.

10. (Original) The implement mounting system of Claim 9, wherein said distal end of said cross member is on an opposite side of said support arm of where said brace member is attached to said support frame.

11. (Canceled)

12. (Original) The implement mounting system of Claim 1, wherein said brace member is attached to a rear support of said support frame.

13. (Original) The implement mounting system of Claim 1, wherein said brace member is attached to a side support of said support frame.

14. (Canceled)

15. (Canceled)

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20. (Canceled)

C. APPLICANT'S COMMENTS

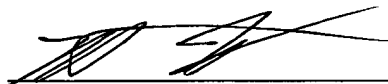
Claims 1-6, 8-10, 12-13 are pending in this Application, with Claims 1, 8, 9 being amended. No new matter is added by way of these amendments, and the amendments are supported throughout the Specification and the drawings. Reconsideration of Claims 1-6, 8-10, 12-13 is respectfully requested.

More particularly, Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of as-filed Claims 7, 11. Pursuant to paragraph 3 of the Official Action, Claim 1 along with dependent Claims 2-6, 8-10, 12-13 are respectfully submitted to be in condition for allowance. However, the Applicant respectfully reserves the right to

D. CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing amendments and remarks, early reconsideration and allowance of this application are most courteously solicited. Should the Examiner consider necessary or desirable any formal changes anywhere in the specification, claims and/or drawing, then it is respectfully asked that such changes be made by Examiner's Amendment, if the Examiner feels this would facilitate passage of the case to issuance. Alternatively should the Examiner feel that a personal discussion might be helpful in advancing this case to allowance, they are invited to telephone the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,



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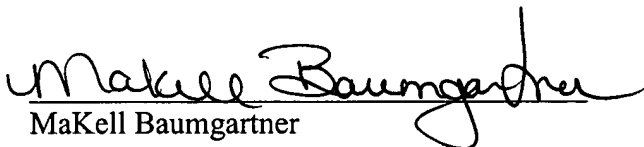
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